

## Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

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**Goal:** Catholic Charities will sustain, across a broad swath of southern Minnesota, a high degree of accessibility, responsiveness, and advocacy for pregnant women and women with babies that is absolutely vital to providing alternatives to abortion

**For the period:** April – June 19, 2016

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<b>Administrative Activities</b>	Provide guidance to grant staff, complete grant forms, attend required grant meetings, provide on-going crisis intervention counseling training		Attendance at the April PA grantee meeting. Completed PA site visit via phone in June with the PAG manager. Monthly staff meetings for licensed staff and individual consults with grant staff. Social workers and support staff report each call on an initial contact form and discuss needs and referral plans.	
<b>Outreach</b>	Place pregnancy posters across service area, distribute marketing and informational materials, advertise, make presentations, maintain website and host community events		Staff distributed 42 <u>posters</u> to various locations. <u>Direct</u> contact was made with staff from Sanford Worthington Medical Center, Blue Earth Co. Employment Services, Blue Earth Co. Parent Support Outreach, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, RCTC Counselor, Crisis Resource Center, CHOICES, Jeremiah Program, Birthright Winona, Winona Area Learning Center, and Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center. Staff are <u>active members</u> of Infant Mental Health, Birthparent Collaborative, Interagency Adoption, Rochester Area Fatherhood Network, Olmsted Co. Homeless Community Network, Maternal, Child and Family Health Partnership,	

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			<p>Catholic Charities USA, Mankato Community Network, Mankato Homeless Response Team and Owatonna Community Services Collaborative.</p> <p><u>Booths</u> were displayed at Project Community Connect – Mankato, Rochester Youth Connect, Future of Fatherhood – Rochester, and Catholic Charities agency wide meeting.</p> <p><u>Presentations</u> were given to Birthright of Rochester, Austin Deanery, and Catholic Charities agency wide meeting.</p> <p><u>Mailings</u> were sent to 106 clients for Nurturing Healthy Families invitations.</p> <p><u>Advertising</u> via bathroom stall ads, Yellow Pages, Facebook, internet and website is on-going and updated as needed.</p>	
<b>Adoption Education</b>	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting and adoption options through education and information; support women in their ability to be self-sufficient	2 - 4	Provided 70 visits to women in order to explore the option of adoption and make a plan for their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and supported their decisions. Facilitated one adoption placement and provided support both prior to and after the placement for the birthmother.	70
<b>Financial Assistance</b>	Provide financial assistance from donated funds to assist eligible women; assist women in applying for financial assistance from other agencies	15-22	Staff worked with 25 women to process their need for financial assistance. Women received assistance for rent, utilities, medical, car and other expenses. Connected these women with other resource opportunities.	25
<b>Hotline</b>	Licensed social workers provide assessments and make referrals to clients 24/7	25-40	Staff answered 99 calls to our office and 24 hour hotline, responded to one email and assisted four clients who walked into the office without a scheduled appointment to provide assessments and referrals. Out of those contacts, 67 women were eligible for services.	67

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<b>Parenting Education</b>	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and parenting education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	20-30	Staff provided 138 visits with women who were making a parenting plan for themselves and their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential parent education and support. Offered monthly education classes at three office sites.	138
<b>Pregnancy Education</b>	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and pregnancy education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	10 - 20	Had 82 visits with women to provide pregnancy information and education. Discussed options of adoption and parenting with these women. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential pregnancy and parent education and support. Offered monthly education classes at three office sites.	82
<b>Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only</b>	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	4 - 8	Staff provided assessment and referrals for necessary services only to 5 women.	5

<b>Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies</b>	<b>No.</b>
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	35

<b>Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies</b>	<b>No.</b>
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	35
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	35

**Challenges:**

**Comments:**